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**Minutes of January 13, 2021**

Present: Barry Brogan, Helen Evans, Mandy Qualls, Claire Parde, Courtney Shaler,

Ann Abdella, Liz Urbanski Farrell, Anne Marie Snell, Marie Mongeon,

Ali Coates, Scott Emery

Excused: Paul Pettit, Bryan O’Donovan, Susan Williams

Staff: Sara Wall Bollinger

The meeting convened at 10:32AM.

1. Welcome, quorum, introductions & agenda modifications.
2. Minutes of December 9th [Ann/Courtney] were approved.
3. Close the Loop on Action Items from the December meeting.

* Claire, Liz and Scott will each reach out to their contacts at Iroquois Healthcare Alliance to seek information regarding the Rural Health Council
* The design of the tracking Dashboard recommended in the Strategic Plan will be addressed at a future meeting
* All other items were included in the Agenda email

1. Legislative Priorities for Albany 2021-22

There was discussion with valuable contributions from all members.

Please edit google doc with preliminary draft:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Udns94h-oPXOKzXe_h3wVvso8SJdzwKhFMS9Riz80FU/edit?usp=sharing>

1. Speakers for Briefing January 26th.
   1. HANYS
      * Jim Clancy and/or Courtney Burke
   2. Broadband/Telehealth
      * Governor’s Blue-Ribbon Panel or
      * Northeast Telehealth Resource Center
   3. Workforce
      * Center for Health Workforce Studies
   4. Public Health/COVID-19
      * Sarah Ravenhall or another representative of NYSACHO
   5. Rural Health Programs
      * Sara Wall Bollinger and/or an RHN/RAH representative

*Action Steps:*

* Marie will get Sara a contact for the Governor’s Blue-Ribbon Panel on Broadband
* Liz will speak with Senator Ortt regarding rural broadband

1. Logistics of Briefing and NYSARH Member Value

A *Save the Date* has already been distributed to NYSARH members. Members may forward this to their Networks and the link will be on the Policy page of the NYSARH website. The Registration process will allow NYSARH to deny admittance to any suspicious registrants to avoid ‘zoom bombing’.

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

9-11AM via Zoom

Please Register https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlcOCtrDsjE9aT8BggqjwXn63jCgtw92OL

You will receive a confirmation email containing log-in information on 1/25.

The Confirmation email to non-Members will include an invitation to join NYSARH.

The session will be recorded and stored on the Policy Page of the NYSARH website for a

few weeks. Only NYSARH members will be able to view the recorded session, which

will be password protected.

1. NRHA Policy Institute

The NRHA Policy Institute is a valuable learning experience. Any member may sign up

for the virtual sessions for $250 for two days.

<https://www.ruralhealthweb.org/events/event-details?eventId=17>

Congressional visits will be scheduled on February 11th. Since these will be virtual

visits, there is very little cost to participate.

*Action Step:*

Sara will make several appointments with Upstate Congress Members and staff of Senators on February 11th . Policy Committee members will sign up to cover these appointments. There is no cost to participate.

Adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Wall Bollinger